

Minutes
**Labor-Management Advisory Council on
Workers' Compensation**

March 27, 2009

1:15-2:30 pm

Advisory council members present: Lt. Governor John Bohlinger, Jason Miller, Jerry Keck, Don Judge, Dan Lee, Riley Johnson, Bill Dahlgren, and Connie Welsh. Annette Hoffman gave her proxy to Riley Johnson. Doug Buman and Jacquie Helt gave their proxies to Dan Lee.

Core team members present: Dustin de Yong, Diana Ferriter, George Kochman, Judy Bovington, Bryan Page, Anne Wolfinger

Others present: Carl Kochman, Nancy Butler, Montana State Fund; Jon Bennion, Montana Chamber of Commerce.

- I. Status of LMAC Bill, HB 283
The bill was signed by the Governor on March 25 but Dustin and Anne are arranging a re-enactment bill signing ceremony for next week and will let everyone know when and where.
- II. Status of WorkSafeMT funding in Department of Labor and Industry (DLI) budget bill
The Senate Finance and Claims Committee heard the Department of Labor and Industry budget earlier today. LMAC members will contact Senator Barkus to address a few questions he had raised.
- III. Status of Department Workers' Compensation Bills
HB 119—on Governor's desk for signature. Don moved and Riley seconded that the LMAC endorse HB 119 as amended. Riley and Dan voted the proxies for Bob, Annette, Doug and Jacquie. The motion carried unanimously.
HB 138—signed by the Governor on March 20.
- IV. Status of Other Workers' Compensation Bills
Jason moved, Don seconded that the LMAC oppose HB 598 as amended. Riley and Dan voted the proxies for Bob, Annette, Doug and Jacquie. The motion carried unanimously.

The LMAC discussed two resolutions for studying workers' compensation, SJ 10 and SJ 30, and decided it would not be appropriate to take any action on them. However, Jerry will be giving informational testimony on behalf of the department on the activities and accomplishments of the LMAC.
- V. Public Comment
Mike Marsh and Andrea Olson addressed the LMAC.
Riley requested archiving the handouts on presumptive disease for future discussion. Bill requested receiving an analysis of proposed bills prior to discussion.
- VI. Next Steps
Bill Dahlgren asked about the proposed National Commission on Workers' Compensation. The consensus of the LMAC was that this would likely go on the LMAC workplan, which will be determined after the conclusion of the 2009 Legislature.

Next teleconference: Friday, April 3, 1:15p, Montana Room in the Governor's Office, State Capitol